

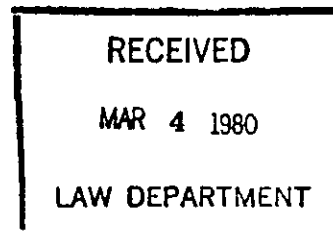
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Memorandum for Messrs. Ahrensfield
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Enclosed are papers relating to a proposed research project of Dr. O. G. Brooke and colleagues. Our interest in Dr. Brooke's work grew out of his letter in the Lancet of May 28, 1977 (copy of which is also enclosed).

As you will note, Dr. Brooke initially proposed a three-year project. After discussion, however, we agreed that uncertainties of costs and other considerations warranted proceeding by way of a preliminary feasibility study which would take a year, with certain personnel and other carry overs for a further six months. From that feasibility study, it should be possible to determine if a full-scale project of the sort originally envisaged could be carried forward at reasonable cost. Should the preliminary study be successful, the remaining work could be done in approximately 2-2½ years time.

Dr. Rao has met with Dr. Brooke and his colleagues, and is of the view that this work would provide valuable additional information complementary to the work he is doing. Professor Schilling has reviewed the proposal and recommends it.

Bill Shinn has reviewed the proposal and views it favorably. We, accordingly, ask that you approve the feasibility study at a minimum of £32,540 and a maximum of £37,611, over a period of approximately 18 months, to be paid through Special Account #4. If this is successful, we would then want to consider continuing the work either through Special Account #4 or as a Special Project.


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